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SUBJECT: ICELANDERS SEIZE BRITISH TRAWLER

REF: A) REYKJAVIK 977 B) REYKJAVIK 980 (NOTAL)

1. ICELANDIC GUNBOAT DISABLED AND SEIZED BRITISH TRAWLER C.S. FORESTER YESTERDAY AFTER LATTER VESSEL ALLEGEDLY FOUND FISHING WITHIN 12 MILE LIMIT.

2. FORESTER WAS REPORTEDLY FIRST SIGHTED ABOUT 0610 JULY 19, SOME ONE AND ONE HALF MILES INSIDE 12 MILE ZONE IN WATERS OFF HVALBAK IN EASTFJORDS REGION. ICELANDIC GUNBOAT PURSUED TRAWLER, URGING SURRENDER, THROUGHOUT MUCH OF DAY. AT ABOUT 1640, GUNBOAT FIRED EIGHT SHOTS, STRIKING TRAWLERS ENGINE ROOM AND REPORTEDLY DISABLING ELECTRICAL SYSTEM. FORESTER WAS THEN SEIZED, CAPTAIN ARRESTED, AND TRAWLER TAKEN TO PORT OF SEYDISFJORD, WHERE IT WAS TO ARRIVE THIS MORNING.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO RPT NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
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EVENTS SURROUNDING BAN IMPOSED BY ICELAND FOR CONSERVATION

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PURPOSES REPORTED REFTEL A AND THE INCIDENT HEREIN REPORTED, WHICH INVOLVES APPARENT VIOLATION OF 12 MILE LIMIT WHICH UK ALSO RECOGNIZES. LATTER INCIDENT TOOK PLACE OFF EAST COAST OF ICELAND, WHEREAS CONSERVATION AREA EXCHANGE CONCERS NORTH WEST AREA OF ICELAND. IT IS UNFORTUNATE, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH HAVE OCCURRED AT THIS TIME BECAUSE IT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLES ALLIANCE TO DISTORT INCIDENTS AND INFER ASSOCIATION WHERE NONE EXISTS, THUS GAINING SOME POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. NOTHING STIRS THE IRE OF ICELANDERS MORE THAN VIOLATION OF ITS CLAIMED FISHING GROUNDS.
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